

## **MINUTES**

### **MONTANA HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES 57th LEGISLATURE - REGULAR SESSION JOINT APPROPRIATIONS SUBCOMMITTEE ON GENERAL GOVERNMENT AND TRANSPORTATION**

**Call to Order:** By **CHAIRMAN BOB DAVIES**, on January 31, 2001 at 8:15 A.M., in Room 317-B Capitol.

#### **ROLL CALL**

**Members Present:**

Rep. Bob Davies, Chairman (R)  
Sen. Jack Wells, Vice Chairman (R)  
Rep. John Brueggeman (R)  
Rep. Monica Lindeen (D)  
Sen. Bea McCarthy (D)  
Sen. Corey Stapleton (R)

**Members Excused:** None.

**Members Absent:** None.

**Staff Present:** David Brown, Legislative Branch  
Greg DeWitt, Legislative Branch  
Mary Beth Linder, OBPP  
Cyndie Lockett, Committee Secretary  
Amy Sassano, OBPP

**Please Note:** These are summary minutes. Testimony and discussion are paraphrased and condensed.

**Committee Business Summary:**

Hearing(s) & Date(s) Posted: Commissioner of Political Practices, 1/31/2001;  
Department of Revenue Follow-up, 1/31/2001  
Executive Action: Commissioner of Political Practices

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**HEARING ON COMMISSIONER OF POLITICAL PRACTICES**

**Sen. Wells** filling in for **Chairman Davies** who was going to be late. **Sen. Wells** called the meeting to order.

**Sen. Wells** asked **Dave Brown, Legislative Fiscal Division** to explain the handout he gave the subcommittee **EXHIBIT(jgh25a01)**. **Mr. Brown** briefly explained the handout.

**Sen. Wells** asked **Linda Vaughey, Commissioner of Political Practices** to provide her testimony. She discussed the first handout passed out to the subcommittee **EXHIBIT(jgh25a02)**. This handout included the Mission Statement, History, Comparisons of numbers: Ballot Issues and Candidates, and Lobbying Activity. **Mrs. Vaughey** provide **EXHIBIT(jgh25a03)**, a summary of issues from FY 2000 and from FY 2001. She stated there are currently six outstanding issues including: #10, #17, #18, #20, #21, and #22. **Mrs. Vaughey** provided **EXHIBIT(jgh25a04)**, goals and objectives for FY 2002 and for FY 2003.

**Sen. McCarthy** asked **Mrs. Vaughey** when the agency would have electronic filing. **Mrs. Vaughey** indicated she had researched electronic filing but it would require a big investment.

**EXECUTIVE ACTION ON**  
**COMMISSIONER OF POLITICAL PRACTICES**

**Motion:** **SEN. MCCARTHY** moved the base level of funding plus statewide present law adjustments. The additional Governor Martz vacancy savings included in the present law DP 699, the rent reductions in present law DP 698, and general liability premium reduction in present law DP 697, where applicable.

**Vote:** The question was called for and the motion carried unanimously.

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**HEARING ON DEPARTMENT OF REVENUE**

**Kurt Alme, Director of Department of Revenue** gave the subcommittee a booklet **EXHIBIT(jgh25a06)** in response to the questions that arose from the January 19 discussion regarding the Legislative Auditor's Report, POINTS, bonded indebtedness, remedied efforts, and employee impacts of reengineering. **Mr.**

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**Alme** summarized the booklet and pointed out mistakes were made but they have been corrected. **Mr. Alme** wanted to give a little direction on the year end closing adjustment explanations and where to find them. He said questions 1, 9, 12, and Appendix A would address the year end closing adjustment.

**Mr. Alme** said the POINTS Project is covered in questions 2-6, 10, 11, and Appendix B.

**Sen. Stapleton** handed out a written summary **EXHIBIT(jgh25a05)** on the Department of Revenue Financial-Compliance Audit Report from Legislative Audit Division.

**Sen. Wells** commented that the subcommittee would review the material and meet for questions and possibly Executive Action on Feb. 8<sup>th</sup>.

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**ADJOURNMENT**

Adjournment: 9:30 A.M.

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REP. BOB DAVIES, Chairman

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CYNDIE LOCKETT, Secretary

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**EXHIBIT** (jgh25aad)